

I fully support dropping the element 1 requirement from amateur radio testing. CW has been replaced by other digital technologies, faster throughput and error correction are now commonplace with poor radio propagation conditions. If one is required to learn Morse code for Amateur radio, one should also HAVE to learn Pactor, Amtor, PSK31, Clover, Packet and of course lets not forget RTTY, just to name a few. Setting up a TNC for proper operation on the above-mentioned modes is surely a skill that ALL amateurs should be proficient at? Lets create a new class of license that only allows people who have passed a digital protocol element on certain HF frequencies, if you really want to hear the CW crowd SCREAM. It is time to move forward into the digital age Ladies and Gentleman.
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